

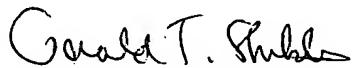
REMARKS

In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-13 under 35 U.S.C. §112 as indefinite in its presentation of the ratios. Applicant has amended the claims to make them more definite. As amended, applicant believes the claims to now be acceptable under 35 U.S.C. §112. In addition, claims 14-16 have been rejected as anticipated by the patent to Selleck. Claim 15 has been indicated as objected to, but allowable if re-written in independent form. Accordingly, applicant has combined claims 14 and 15 and canceled claim 16 thereby placing claims 1-14 into condition for allowance.

Applicant hereby requests reconsideration and re-examination thereof.

With the above amendments and the remarks, this application is considered ready for allowance, and Applicants earnestly solicit an early notice of same. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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